



December 6, 2016

Mr. Brian Beutler
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Dear Mr. Beutler:

This is in response to your U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request (GSA-2017-000222), dated November 30, 2016, in which you requested the following:

“[a]ll memoranda of understanding and correspondence between the GSA and the Trump PTT produced after May 6, 2016, including those signed by Governor Christie and Vice President-elect Pence. This request includes - but is not limited to-any memoranda, records, documents, emails, and correspondence discussing information- technology services, records management, email servers, and any other transition-related infrastructure.”

Enclosed please find the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between GSA and the Trump PTT and the Republican MOU Addendum. Please be advised that Governors Christie and Pence did not sign MOUs; however, Pence did sign a delegation related to the MOU, which we are enclosing in addition to some other related documents.

In processing your request GSA has withheld the addresses of pre-elect and post-elect election space under the fifth statutory exemption of FOIA which permits an agency to withhold this release as it could pose a security danger. We also withheld under the fifth statutory exemption of FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5), information considered to be potentially compromised if revealed such as the security names and/or the Telecommunications equipment.

Additionally, we withheld personally identifiable information, such as signatures and names of private individuals, pursuant to the sixth statutory exemption to the FOIA (5 U.S.C. 552(b)(6)), which permits an agency to withhold information that would constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Based on the information cited above, this constitutes a partial denial of your request. You have the right to appeal the partial denial of records under FOIA. To do so, you must write, within 90 days of your receipt of this letter, to the following address:

U.S. General Services Administration
FOIA Requester Service Center (H1F)
1800 F St. NW, Room 7308
Washington, DC 20405

Your appeal must be in writing and should contain a brief statement of the reasons why the requested information should be released. Enclose copies of your initial request and this denial. Both the appeal letter and envelope should be marked prominently, "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

This completes our action on this request. Should you have any press-related questions, please contact Ms. Ashley Nash-Hahn, GSA Press Secretary by email at media@gsa.gov. You may also contact the GSA FOIA Public Liaison, Audrey Brooks, at (202) 205-5912 or by email at audrey.brooks@gsa.gov for any additional assistance and to discuss any aspect of your FOIA request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Sincerely,

Travis Lewis

FOIA Program Manager

Enclosures